

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1310
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Isabel Garrett on the celebration of her 90th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Isabel Garrett is celebrating her 90th birthday, a milestone that is being commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Isabel Garrett was born and raised in the Willow Grove community in Clay County, the daughter of Clarence and Jennie Buford; and

WHEREAS, a resident of the Timothy community of Overton County, Isabel Garrett is a highly respected member of her community; and

WHEREAS, after a thirty-year teaching career, Mrs. Garrett retired at age 62, but she has continued to serve as a substitute teacher ever since; indeed, at 90 years of age, Isabel Garrett still substitutes at Allons School whenever she is called upon; and

WHEREAS, at Cedar Grove School in Overton County and Maple Grove School in Clay County, Mrs. Garrett taught her students in a one-room schoolhouse; she also served with acumen and alacrity for many years as a teacher at Fairview (Timothy) School in Overton County; and

WHEREAS, Isabel Garrett is a faithful and active member of the Allons Church of Christ, which she has attended regularly for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Garrett has many interests and enthusiasms, not the least of which is her love of gardening and cooking; well into her 80s, Isabel Garrett was still working in tobacco on the family farm; and

WHEREAS, as demonstrated by her longevity, Mrs. Garrett has enjoyed an active and committed life made richer by her many friends and loving family members, and because of her many years of dedicated teaching, Isabel Garrett's former students affectionately call her "Granny Garrett"; and

WHEREAS, Isabel Garrett was fortunate to enjoy the love and companionship of her beloved husband, the late Grady Paul Garrett, and her daughter, the late Jennie Ruth, until their passing; Mrs. Garrett continues to enjoy the love and affection of her son, Paul, her five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and her many friends as she celebrates the happy occasion of her 90th birthday; and

WHEREAS, as Isabel Garrett enters her tenth decade, she is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events, as her health permits; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Isabel Garrett on the celebration of her 90th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.